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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISCUSSION WITH LUFTHANSA OFFICIALS

RE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY

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1. DURING COURTESY CALL OF EMBASSY CAA AT DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA (DLH) HEADQUARTERS IN COLOGNE AUGUST 13, SENIOR COMPANY OFFICIALS ACQUAINTED CAA WITH CURRENT DLH MANAGEMENT THINKING ON A NUMBER OF AVIATION POLICY QUESTIONS.

2. RE UK DENUNCIATION OF BERMUDA AGREEMENT, DLH OFFICIALS ARE WATCHING PENDING US/UK NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREAT INTEREST, POINTING OUT THAT OF SOME 70 FRG BILATERALS CONCLUDED TO DATE, ABOUT 60 ARE BASED ON BERMUDA-TYPE PRINCIPLES AND WOULD BE FUNDAMENTALLY AFFECTED BY OUT-COME OF US/UK TALKS. REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO SPECIAL ICAO PANEL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1977, DEALING WITH ALL ASPECTS OF WORLD-WIDE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT. DLH OFFICIALS EXPECT THAT PREPARATORY WORK OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC (IATA, ECAC, AEA, ETC) WILL BE CONSIDERABLY INFLUENCED BY STATE OF US/UK CIVIL AIR TALKS BETWEEN

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NOW AND APRIL AND EVEN THINK IT POSSIBLE THAT ICAO PANEL

MEETING MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED.

3. DLH OFFICIALS WONDERED WHETHER U.S. AVIATION POLICY STATEMENT WOULD IN FACT BE RELEASED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER ELCTIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED U.S. AVIATION ACT OF 1975, DLH REPS REFERRED TO U.S. EFFORTS AT DEREGULATION AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE EFFECT OF SUCH ACTION.

4. DISCUSSION OF US/FRG BILATERAL ISSUES BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.
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